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Kernan Awards Training Grant to Scott County Companies

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Impacting 58 workers at five Scott County companies, today Gov. Joe Kernan announced a \$188,647 grant to the Scott County Partnership.

Administered by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, the Incumbent Worker Training Grant was awarded to the Partnership, which created an alliance of American Steel Cord, Austin Tri-Hawk Automotive, Multi-Color Corp., Pepsi-Americas and Total Concepts of Design. Using the grant, workers will receive training to develop transferable technical skills in industrial maintenance areas of electrical systems, mechanical systems, motor controls, hydraulics, pneumatics and programmable logic controllers.

“We are proud to partner with the Scott County Partnership in assisting these workers to gain new skills,” added the governor. “Activities like this not only benefit the companies involved by making them more efficient and profitable, it helps these workers gain a new set of skills that ultimately makes them more attractive and marketable employees.”

Ivy Tech State College will conduct the training, with the partner companies contributing \$222, 673 toward the program. The successfully completed courses will be applied to a one-year Technical Certificate or Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology.

“A primary goal of the Scott County Partnership is to create a more highly skilled workforce in Scott County. This grant will help us realize this goal.” said Carolyn King, executive director of the Partnership.

All Indiana businesses are eligible to apply for Incumbent Worker Training grants. The grants are designed to create a world-class workforce in Indiana, through continuous improvement to the skill levels of Hoosier workers.

Through its various programs and initiatives, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, works with the state’s 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates the a statewide job placement service.

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